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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute, Board of Directors, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Oregon

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Blue Mountains Natural Resources Institute (BMNRI) Board of Directors will meet on September 15, 1999, at Island City Hall, 10605 Island Avenue, La Grande, Oregon. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Agenda items to be covered will include: (1) Discussion and decision on new Institute direction, and (2) public comments. All BMNRI Board Meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend. Members of the public who wish to make a brief oral presentation at the meeting should contact Lynn Starr, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6548, no later than 5:00 p.m. September 10, 1999, to have time reserved on the agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Lynn Starr, Acting Manager, BMNRI, 1401 Gekeler Lane, La Grande, Oregon 97850, 541-962-6548.

Dated: August 9, 1999.

Lynn Starr,
Acting Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the

provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Annual Survey of Manufactures.

Form Number(s): MA-1000(L), MA-1000(S).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0449.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 190,080 hours.

Number of Respondents: 55,000.

Avg Hours Per Response: Three and a half hours.

Needs and Uses: The Census Bureau has conducted the Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM) since 1949 to provide key measures of manufacturing activity during intercensal periods. In census years ending in "2" and "7", we mail and collect the ASM as part of the census of manufactures. This survey is an integral part of the Government's statistical program. The ASM furnishes up-to-date estimates of employment and payrolls, hours and wages of production workers, value added by manufacture, cost of materials, value of shipments by product class, inventories, and expenditures for both plant and equipment and structures. The survey provides data for most of these items for each of the 474 industries as defined in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). It also provides geographic data by state at a more aggregated industry level.

The survey also provides valuable information to private companies, research organizations, and trade associations. Industry makes extensive use of the annual figures on product class shipments at the U.S. level in its market analysis, product planning, and investment planning. The ASM data are used to benchmark and reconcile monthly and quarterly data on manufacturing production and inventories.

The content of the questionnaires for the 1999-2001 ASM is identical to the 1998 ASM report forms with the exception of our plans to use the ASM to collect some very basic base-line information about manufacturers use of e-commerce and e-business. We are still in the process of determining whether to include the questions on the bottom of the current ASM form or to put them on a separate one-page flier. We will make that determination based on how best to reach the appropriate respondent and

our own internal processing efficiencies. These questions will be asked only during the 1999 ASM collection.

We are also still working on the exact wording and structure of the questions. The basic content will not change and is included with this submission. We will continue to refine the wording of these questions over the next few weeks. We estimate that these questions can be completed without referring to company records and can be completed in five minutes or less.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, and 225.

OMB Desk Officer: Linda Hutton, (202) 395-7858.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5033, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Linda Hutton, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 13, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Survey of Program Dynamics—2000

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).